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**TELEGRAPHIC.**

WINNIPEG, Dec. 24, 1880.

An impression is gaining ground, that the Governor General favors having the voice of the country in regard to the Pacific Railway Syndicate bargain, by means of a dissolution of Parliament and a general election. He believes, it is said, that such an important question should not be decided without the people having every opportunity of understanding it in all its bearings.

It is thought Sir John will exhaust every means of preventing such action on the part of His Excellency. He will base his objections chiefly on the grounds of his present Parliamentary majority.

The Montreal "Herald" now comes out strongly in condemnation of the terms. It says: "We must say frankly a more complete giving away of the great and fertile North-West than the details of the Syndicate contract disclose would require an ingenious lawyer to devise." The Montreal "Gazette" says it would like many of the details amended.

The Manitoba Legislature has passed a resolution taking exception to the Syndicate alone being allowed to construct branch lines, and asks that the Syndicate be compelled to take lands irrespective of quality.

The House has adjourned until January 4th.

Blaké will speak four times on Syndicate and public questions generally during recess.

Dissatisfaction of the general public with the Syndicate bargain is growing.

MR. T. SMITH will turn his attention to sawing shingles as soon as the threshing season is over. He will saw in the Egg Lake Pines, about 15 miles from here. He says that the best pine has been gobbled by Capt. Moore, and considers it hard on home enterprise that the best and nearest timber to the settlement should be held by a non-resident speculator.

WE don't like to mention it, but quite a number of the citizens of Edmonton and vicinity were more or less—(principally more)—drunk on Christmas Eve and Day. They should not set such a bad example, as it may be followed by the residents of Battleford, Winnipeg, Montreal and other suburban districts.

ST. ALBERT CATHEDRAL was crowded on Christmas Eve to witness the Midnight Mass. The Rev. Pere LeDuc delivered three eloquent sermons in English, French and Cree. The communion service was conducted by His Lordship Bishop Grandin. A collection was taken up for the Mission hospital.

REV. DR. NEWTON, of All Saint's Church, Edmonton, has been away on a missionary visit to Saddle Lake lately.

**LOCAL.**

CHRISTMAS DAY passed very quietly.

THE Sturgeon River Mill is busted again.

C. W. SUTTER has bought out Mr. John McLeod's stock of goods.

FRESH PORK is on the market now, at from 20 to 25 cents a pound.

MR. FRANK LAMOREAUX has quit threshing until after the holidays.

MR. NELSON, C. M. Mission Teacher at Pigeon Lake, arrived here last week.

DAN NOYES murdered a hog lately which weighed 312 lbs—not bad for barley fed.

CAPT. HERCHMER arrived at Fort Saskatchewan from Battleford, on Monday last.

A subscription has been started to get up a purse to be run for on New Year's Day.

WEATHER during the past week has been clear, still and cold. Lowest thermometer 43 below.

MR. WM. CUST has this year threshed out, off his 40-acre field, 100 bushels of wheat more than he had last year.

LAST SUNDAY the time of Service in the Methodist Church here was changed for the winter to six o'clock in the evening.

ON Christmas Eve Mr. Brunette's horse ran away with the flat sled scattering the contents over the whole length of Ross' new grade.

THE day school here has been closed for the last week or so, during the absence of Mr. Glass. It will be opened again after the New Year.

ON Wednesday last, during the momentary absence of the driver, Mr. Hardisty's carriage team ran away and broke the back seat of the cutter before being captured.

JIM EAMER & Joe Hetherington, who have been up the River, taking out saw logs on contract for the H. B. C., got in on Friday last, for Christmas. They will take out over 100,000 feet of lumber.

A YEAR ago the Government could have sold the steam saw mill which is rusting to pieces at the White Mud, for a good figure. They have never used it since, and now they could not get for it its value in old iron.

SUB-CONSTABLES W. Chamberlayne and W. Smith, of Fort Saskatchewan, have been removed to Battleford. They left on Sunday with Capt. Herchmer, and interpreter John Foley, who will pilot back men to replace them.

MR. J. CAMELL returned from Battleford on Friday, with his horses "Big Enough" and "Shoo Fly" in good order. He was just six days travelling. He says he knows now that Battleford is a capital place to starve to death in.

#### LOCAL.

ROADS good and weather beautiful.

COAL OIL and candles are getting into a corner.

Two sled loads of fur arrived from Lake Ste. Anne on the 18th.

EASTERN mail arrived on Saturday night and leaves this afternoon.

SEVENTY four pounds of mail matter left Edmonton for the North on the 16th.

MR. R. CRONKRITE cut his knee badly with an axe last week. He is not bed fast.

MR. J. IRVINE recently brought in 3,000 white fish from Pigeon Lake for the H. B. C.

BETS are being offered and taken that the new mill will not run before New Year's Day.

A LETTER was received here by this mail from Montreal, 29 days out. Not bad time, considering.

MR. ANDERSON, Indian Agent, left for Lac la Biche on Friday afternoon. He expects to return in ten days.

THE mail was brought from Battleford in a wagon this trip, as there was no sleighing at the time it left there.

MR. GEORGE GAGNON has two hundred bushels of barley which he claims weighs fifty four pounds to the bushel.

PETER BALLENDINE, of Battleford, has the contract of running the mail between that place and Edmonton for the winter.

JOHN COUTTS is interpreter at the Indian Agency here at present, in the absence of Peter Erasmus, whose wife is very ill.

WE notice several sleigh loads of grain passing to the Edmonton Company's mill to be in readiness for it's starting operations.

MR. W. CUST's wheat at his Big Lake farm is turning out much better than was expected, and is equal to last year's in quality.

A VISIT to the different stores, at present, reveals the fact that some of them have got rid of a large quantity of stock—their shelves not being nearly as full as they were a couple of months ago.

THE census so far gives the adult population of Edmonton and Fort Saskatchewan as 275. As a considerable number of half-breeds have taken the treaty the population will not appear to be as numerous as it really is.

The great Thomson River land slide has given way, causing damage to three farms and a flour mill. The railway works are safe.

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with which the Hudson's Bay Company will be insignificant—the like of which has not been seen outside of the East Indies.

But it is the fact of the Territories having to pay for the whole road that gives this most outrageous bargain such a large majority in the Canadian Parliament. Anything that will save the pockets of the members and their constituents, no matter what the consequences! Men who set pocket above party and party above country—who know no more about the geography of their native land than they do of that of Patagonia—who think that the sun rises in Halifax, shines all day straight over Montreal and Ottawa and sets in Toronto—whose hymn book is the psalms of King David and whose Bible is the example of the United States—what wonder is it that for a consideration in hand they will vote away their empire to a railroad company—the heritage of their children to strangers?

#### THE MEETING.

The Edmonton people have suddenly grown very indifferent in the matter of agriculture. A little over a year ago the proposal to hold an agricultural show met with the most hearty approval, and subscriptions flowed in rapidly. The Secretary—Treasurer's statement showed a balance of \$139 or thereabouts after paying out over \$100 in prizes. Every one who could possibly do so attended at the show grounds, and the managers of the affair were highly gratified at the success attending their efforts. The second annual show was a dismal failure. All the enthusiasm died out, and on the appointed day, a solitary wagon—loaded with produce which could not be excelled in any country—was the sole exhibit. The owner and one or two others left the place almost but not quite disheartened. It was then proposed, on account of the lateness of the season—which was made an excuse by some would-be exhibitors—to hold a grain show on New Year's Day, when they would be threshed out and in better trim. Acting on this, a meeting was called for last Wednesday evening at a central point, and what was the result? Five men attended, and every one of them came a distance of from three to seven miles. This is altogether too bad, and need not have been. Within one and a half miles of the place chosen for the meeting, there live men enough to make a large and rousing meeting if they want to do it, and instead of going there for one hour to help the thing along and encourage those from a distance, they claim to forget all about it, and our great Agricultural Society goes to smash, because not even an officer of the Society turns up. Another meeting will be called as soon as some necessary arrangements are completed, and it is to be hoped there will be a full house and plenty of willing helpers.

Mr. D. Ross, ever up with the times, has erected a blacksmith's forge on his hotel premises. It is to be used principally in connection with his works across the river.

#### LOCAL.

FUR is said to be more plentiful this year than last.

HAY is still rising. Five dollars a load at last accounts.

COLIN FRASER brought 700 white fish from Pigeon Lake last week.

THE Edmonton Milling Company will saw this winter as well as grind.

MR. J. A. YOUNG, C. M. Mission Teacher at White Fish Lake, arrived here last Monday.

TWENTY DOLLARS is the price charged here for making the wood work of a pair of bob-sleighs.

MR. LOGAN'S Stallion, "Starlight," ran away with his owner last Wednesday, and smashed the cutter badly.

THE Police at Fort Saskatchewan have the best outfit of clothing this winter that they have ever had yet.

LEATHER for moccasins is very scarce. Buffalo is not to be had, and moose is worth from \$4 to \$12 per hide.

HENRY LONG, of Sturgeon River, planted four bushels of potatoes last spring, and took out one hundred this fall.

A GOOD deal of grain has changed hands this winter so far, and prices are still about one dollar for barley and oats, and two dollars for wheat.

A GENTLEMAN from Fort Saskatchewan wishes to state that it was not James Yorke who shot the bear spoken of in our issue before last. It was another Indian.

A SOUP KITCHEN is to be started for the Indians at Riviere Qui Barre on the first Monday of the New Year. Eight hundred pounds of beef have been sent out to start on.

THE wife of Peter Erasmus, interpreter at the Indian Agency here, was buried at White Fish Lake on Saturday, the 11th inst. He did not reach home until the Thursday after.

ABOUT twenty eight children attend the C. M. Mission school at White Fish Lake. They are said to be very intelligent and quick at learning, especially in learning to write.

MESSERS. LANG and McAulay who returned from their trip up the river last Wednesday, succeeded in corralling and shooting a large moose cow. The fire-iron used was a small Smith & Wesson seven shooter.

THE Manitoba "Free Press" announces that the Edmonton Passenger, Express and Fast Freight Dispatch Company sent out their first stage with the Saskatchewan mail on the 5th of November. They will either have to shorten the name or put on extra horses if they intend to ever get this far.

J. R. MATHESON, who left here last fall to bring up some freight from Ellice, that he had left there on a former trip, has been heard from. His outfit was seized at Battleford, when he got back that far, at the suit of a man named Bird, who had a sub-contract of freighting from him last summer. He has a part of the machinery belonging to the turbine wheel of the Sturgeon River mill.



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TAYLOR & OLIVER, Proprietors.

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## THE PACIFIC SWINDLE.

At last arrangements have been made with a company, by which the C. P. R. is to be built from Red River to the Rocky Mountains in three years, and from Montreal to the Pacific Ocean in ten without costing the country one cent. Glory Hallelujah! Government corruption and patronage in connection with the road is at an end, and money shall flow into Canada in rivers from the great hoards of the wealthy of Europe. Amen, and Amen! No longer shall the North-West be called a hyperborean region—the dwelling place of the buffalo and coyote, for the great company will establish colonization agencies in every corner of Europe, and publish to the universe the advantages and beauties of the country. Soon shall we see it demonstrated beyond the peradventure of a doubt that the equator runs direct through Battleford, and that the north pole is in the heart of Dakota. Glory, and Amen! What shall we say of the towering genius the transcendent ability, the gigantic intellect that could, in a few short weeks, produce before the world such a grand panorama of advancement and prosperity out of the chaos of the years before? Truly a greater than—than—Beaconsfield,—or Jim Fisk—or Lord Gordon is here.

But as this noble band of philanthropists are, out of the largeness of their hearts, going to do so much for this poor helpless Canada of ours, of course we are in ordinary politeness, bound to make some slight return, not as compensation, but merely as an acknowledgment of the great services they are rendering us, and this is what a large majority of the Canadian Parliament says it is to be:—For every mile of road they build between Red River and the mountains (estimated by the Government to cost about \$12,000,) they get \$1,000 in cash and 12,500 acres of picked land, averaging at the present price of the Government railroad land about \$2 an acre, in all the nominal consideration of \$26,000. They get a bonus of \$25,000,000, in cash and 25,000,000 acres of land in the fertile belt, worth \$2 per acre for building the whole road, estimated to cost about \$75,000-

000, and the ownership of the road for ever. Their property is to be free from taxation, their material is to be free of duty, they can locate the line wherever they please, except the termini—in short, they are to have the road, with the country thrown in.

If it were impossible to have the railroad built on any other terms it would be dear at the money. It would be a hard bargain for the country to pay for the road and the company to own it, but when the case of the Manitoba & South-Western and Souris River & Rocky Mountain railroad companies is considered the utter monstrosity of the bargain appears. To these companies, who intend to run a line from Winnipeg to the Rocky Mountains along the Boundary, through a country incomparably less fertile than that along the line of the C. P. R., the Government gives a bonus of 3,800 acres a mile on the COMPANY PAYING THE GOVERNMENT \$1 an acre for the land. In the Province of Manitoba on the first 100 miles of their line the Manitoba and South-Western gets no Government aid, and yet their bonds have been sold in London at 85 cents on the dollar, they have 400 men at work, a contract for 250,000 ties let, and will have the road completed to Rock Lake, 100 miles, within a year. If it is possible to get railroads through the Southern part of the North-West Territory by giving a back handed land bonus such as this—why is it not possible to have the line built through the central and more fertile part on the same terms, especially as it will ultimately be part of a through line, which the other will not?

If the Government considered it necessary, in order to get the difficult and unprofitable part of the road built, to give larger bonuses in proportion for the building of the part which will be profitable—reverse proportions would seem more natural—they have made a very loose agreement with the company. After they finish the line through the fertile belt and get the land and money bonus for it, if they think it would be unprofitable to construct the Lake Superior and British Columbia sections the company can break the contract by the forfeiture of \$1,000,000, which would still leave them a handsome profit out of the Government bonus over and above the cost of the road, besides being only saddled with the running of that part of it which would undoubtedly pay well.

Even were the bargain fair and square, were the bonus given not too much, the injustice of making the North-West Territories alone recoup the company for their outlay on the whole line must be apparent. If the work is a national one, if it is necessary to cement the Dominion together, if it is to build up the great manufacturing and commercial interests, and provide an outlet for the agricultural population of the older Provinces, why should they not shoulder their share of the burden. Iniquitous as the bargain in regard to the prairie section itself is, it would not be unbearable, but if the older Provinces in their greed and parsimony saddle the prairies of the North-West with this mountainous load, of which, at least, they should take their own share, a monopoly will be created in land, in carrying trade, in everything the country possesses, in comparison

#### LOCAL.

DANCE at Colin Fraser's on Christmas night.

A DAY School is conducted at the St. Albert Mission.

THERE's a good time coming—when the big mill runs.

MR. C. ADAMS has sold out his place on the Sturgeon River.

JOHN FRASER recently caught a wolverine in an ordinary steel trap.

THE H. B. C. have received a very fine sample of wheat from Lake St. Anne.

MR. J. HALFPENNY has finished delivering his contract of hay to the H. B. C.

A NEW eight stop cabinet organ, price \$130, is for sale here now, and the people of the C. M. Church are trying to raise funds to purchase it.

DAN NOYES & Mr. Juneau have bought out the Little Giant and are fixing it up to run again.

LAKE ST. ANNE does NOT swarm with white fish. What few are caught are small and of poor quality.

RACE HORSES don't seem to be as plentiful around Edmonton now as they were a week ago, although two more have arrived.

FLOUR is among the things of the past around here, except in the H. B. C. store, and there it has passed out of reach in regard to price.

THE H. B. C. grist mill across the river will be a stumbling block and cause of offence no more. The mill building and even the lumber of the flume is being hauled to this side.

JIM CAMPBELL was cavorting around all Christmas Day, his horse's head decorated with a laurel wreath (about half a cord of red ribbons) supposed to have been won during his late excursion to Battieford, looking for glory and plunder.

A NEW WAY to PAY OLD DEBTS.—For some months past the Police at Fort Saskatchewan have been unpaid, and as no funds seemed to be forthcoming, Capt. Herchmer hit upon the expedient of fining them, with one or two exceptions, from \$15 to \$75 apiece all around. As a stroke of finance, we commend this to the notice of Sir Leonard Tilley.

CHALLENGE.—I will run any horse within fifty miles of Edmonton, for any amount, within one month. Put up or shut up.

J. CAMPBELL, Edmonton Hotel.

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